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Public Service Commission

Att: Docketing Department

P.O. Box 11649


Columbia, SC 29211

To Whom It May Concern:

I am outraged at the timing of SCE&G's request for an almost 10% rate hike at a time of economic struggle. The new rate hikes will boost residential bills on the average of about \$140 a year. When many of our neighbors have lost jobs, this will make them choose between eating and keeping lights on. We must cut cost and make adjustment with what we make and it isn't easy. I believe as large a company as this, they too must do the same with what they receive. We are being hit from every side and there is not much left to give.

If the government have ordered changes that must be made, than I recommend that you ask for several years to fix the matter and budget accordingly.

SCE&G was approved for a 2.5 percent rate increase annually for the next decade, after receiving a 4.4 percent rate increase in 2008. Therefore I strongly disapprove of any increase in utilities at this time or the near future.


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